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The Bethel News.

VOLUME VII.—NUMBER 32.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1902.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

Cloak Sale

The rush of 1901 is behind us. A big year's business is closed. Satisfied? NO. We want to do a larger business during 1902, and to do this we must at once get into shape. We are clearing the Cloak department.

1 Lot Coats.

Black and Castor, good quality of Kersey with mercerized lining. A great bargain \$3.69

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GOULD'S ACADEMY NOTES.

Work has already begun on the Minstrel Show to be given later in the term.

Lindall Blanchard, '04, spent Christmas week at his home in Boston.

The first declamations of the term were given Tuesday morning by the seniors.

Many of the students spent Christmas day at their homes.

W. Stanwood Field, formerly assistant at the Academy and now principal of the Grammar school at Brookline, Mass., visited school Monday.

The seniors have finished the illad and started to review Xenophon.

Wanted.

A man and wife to work on a farm. Light work and reasonable wages. Address E. H. L., Bethel. 3w32.

DIED.

In Jett, Oklahoma, Dec. 8, Mr. Elhamon P. Bartlett, aged 53 years, 4 months, formerly of Bethel.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mrs. Ella Carter was in Lewiston last Friday.

Mr. H. P. Wheeler of Gilead was in town Saturday.

Mr. Alphonso Bean of Newry was in town Monday.

Miss Myrtle Doffler of Lewiston is working at the News office.

Miss Isabel Goudy was the guest of Miss Eva Twaddle, last week.

Miss Mabel E. Allen of Bryant Pond is visiting friends in Bethel.

Geo. A. Chapman of So. Paris was in town a few days last week.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Lucy Fox Thursday afternoon.

The Columbian Club will meet Friday of this week with Mrs. J. G. Gehring.

Mr. Archibald has returned to the News office after an absence of two weeks.

The L. O. of O. F. will have their annual installation of officers Saturday evening.

Miss Hattie Foster starts for Waltham, Mass., Thursday, to visit relatives.

Mr. A. F. Copeland is to vacate the Garland house and occupy the Woodbury house.

Lon Chapman, who has employment at Jefferson, N. H., was at home last week.

Miss Belle Purington will go to Andover, Mass., Thursday, to visit her sister, Mrs. John V. Holt.

Mr. Seth Walker proposes taking down the Garland house and making an addition to his lawn.

Mrs. Geo. Grover of Hunt's Corner spent a portion of last week with her sister, Mrs. Ahira Smith.

Mrs. Chas. Davis has recovered from an illness that confined her to her home for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Charles Demeritt has moved into Mr. Warren Emery's house and Mr. Will Bryant occupies the up stairs rent.

Installation of the officers of Brown Relief Corps will be held at their hall on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Chandler Tuesday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ira Jordan, in two weeks.

Supper and social at the Universalist chapel, Friday evening, January 3. Admission and supper 10 cents, general admission 5 cents.

Mrs. Charles Chute and daughters went to Naples Wednesday to visit relatives before joining Mr. Chute at Skowhegan, where the family will reside.

Mr. Elbridge Wheeler of West Bethel died at his home yesterday morning, at the age of 76 years and 6 months. The funeral services will be held at the West Bethel church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Masonic order will attend in a body.

Miss Carrie Hastings spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. St. John Hastings. Miss Hastings will start on Saturday for Washington, D. C., where she will remain during the winter.

Miss Folsom of Boston, Miss Goudy from Portland, Miss Weitz from Cleveland, and Messrs. Walker, Welch, and Woodbury, classmates of Mr. Farnsworth at Bowdoin, were the guests of Mrs. Gehring at a house-party last week.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge will hold its annual installation at I. O. O. F. Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 6. Dist. Deputy Pres., Cora D. Lurvey, will be present and install the officers. All Odd Fellows and their families are cordially invited.

Mr. Harry Plaisted with his four-seated sleigh and four horses, had the novel experience of taking twelve young people of Mrs. Gehring's house-party through the pine-woods in a snow storm and seeing the rapture of four young people who had never before had a "real sleigh-ride" "on white snow."

Congregational.

Garland chapel never looked prettier at the Christmas time than it did this year. The committee, who had the arrangement of the tree in charge, effected a very clever effect by placing a small tree on either side of the fireplace in the

Mrs. Charles Farwell has returned from Lovell.

Mrs. Alice Allen returned to Waterford Tuesday.

W. Stanwood Field of Brookline, Mass., was in town the first of the week.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler Thursday afternoon.

Jan. 16, is the date of the Library Benefit. Further announcement in next week's issue.

P. L. Edwards, who has been engaged in the milk business for several years, has discontinued the business.

Mr. Myron Pillsbury went to Brunswick Monday, to enter Bowdoin Medical School. The many friends whom he has made during his stay in Bethel wish him the best of success.

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parlor, and dividing the chapel proper from the parlor by a bank of evergreen. The trees and bank were very prettily decorated, and when laden by a multitude of nice presents, acted no small part in producing the happy Christmas cheer which never should be wanting at the Christmas time.

At 6 o'clock, old and young, middle aged and the tiny folks all marched to the dining-room by classes, with the little ones in the lead—and partook of a nice supper.

After supper an hour was spent in lively conversation by the older ones, and impromptu fun by the little ones. All seemed to do their part exceedingly well and to apparent self satisfaction. At 7:30 a short program, consisting of recitations and music, was given by the children, each of whom did exceedingly well. They deserved, and were given many praises for the pleasing way in which they took their various parts.

Then came the distribution of presents, which, after all, was the predominating feature of the occasion. There was the tree laden with nice things, right in plain sight, but out of reach, and of course all were anxious to know just what one or ones Santa had designed for them. Well, as far as we were able to learn Santa remembered all, at least that was his intention and if he failed it was because the census taker failed to record their names.

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BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

What Miss Burnham says in her Add is of importance to our readers.

Mr. Lucas wishes to announce that he will have fresh fish Friday.

Order your dry wood at once of E. M. Farwell.

Ceylon Rowe is selling all prints at 5 cents, and all flannelettes at 7 cents per yard; a few jackets and capes to close at less than cost of material.

A Journey Home.

The steamer cast loose from the pier at 5 o'clock p. m., Dec. 20, and made her way slowly down the North river, around the Battery Point, and up the East river. The city was a hive of industry. The tall office buildings ablaze with light looked in the approaching darkness, as if fairy hands had been at work and passed the day into the arms of night.

Approaching the Brooklyn bridge, an enchanting scene again presents itself. The bridge with its slightly arched form, is a picture of moving lights, and the scene of much activity especially in the rush hours when the street cars and bridge trains carry the multitude from the scene of the day's labors to their homes.

At a short distance, the new

DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Supt. of Schools, H. H. Hastings; School Committee, Z. W. Bartlett, East, N. F. Brown, Miss Susie Twitchell; Town Agent A. B. Herrick; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Disbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

Mails Close.
Going East, 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.
Mails Arrive.
From East, 10:50 a. m.; 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal, Main street, Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Junior League meeting, 3 p. m.; Prayer meeting Sunday, 7:00 p. m.; Class meeting, Tuesday 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League and Church Prayer meeting, Friday 7:30 p. m.

Universalist, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m.

Congregational, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Junior S. C. B., 4 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Union Church, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M.—H. O. Rowe, W. M.; Wilfred Bowler, S. W.; E. H. Young, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treasurer; D. G. Lovejoy, Secretary. Meets second Thursday of each month.

Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 31—E. S. Kilborn, N. G.; Rufus Skillings, F. J. Tyler, Rec. Sec.; S. I. French, Treas. Friday evenings.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Alice J. Farwell, N. G.; Lydia E. Parker, V. G.; Anna B. French, Rec. Sec.; Marcia Hastings, Fin. Sec.; Ellen M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

Bethel Grange, No. 56—F. E. Bean, W. M.; Bertha Valentine, L.; Gipsy Barker, Sec. Meets every other Saturday at two o'clock.

Sudbury Col., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—A. H. Hutchinson, P. C. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Miss E. E. Burnham, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss Angie Chapman, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

United Order of Golden Cross No. 494—N. C. E. E. Burnham, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. of R. S. W. Grover; K. of R. F. W. Bisbee.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Manufacturing Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres.; W. H. Winslow, Treas. and General Manager.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

Bethel Light Co.—B. C. Bowler, Pres.; W. W. Hastings, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational—Pres. Mrs. F. S. Chandler; Vice Pres., Hattie Foster; Sec., Mrs. Hattie Richardson; Treas., Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist—Mrs. Alice Jordan, Pres.; Mrs. C. Bisbee, Vice Pres.; Miss Ethel Morse, Sec.; Mrs. W. D. Hastings, Treas.

Columbian Club—Mrs. J. G. Gehring, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

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By SYLVANUS COBB, Jr.

CHAPTER X. A STRANGE DISCOVERY.

The news went out that the Count Conrad Damonoff must die. A few days before the best surgeon in Moscow said he would recover, but now that same surgeon said he must fall. A strange change had come over him. It was not a fever, but, rather, a consuming of vitality. He was failing fast, and no art of medicine could revive him. Some thought he must be bleeding inwardly, but others knew better than this, because in that case there would be some outward symptom. The wound itself was healing, but the disease was not. The physician and the priest were now in daily, and the former almost in hourly, attendance. The surgeon was Kopani, and the priest was the humpbacked Savotano.

Thus lay the count upon his bed, weak and faint, but at present almost free from pain, and an old woman was his only attendant, the priest having just left. It was just after noon. The dying man had just taken a powerful stimulating draught, though it was against the injunctions of the priest, as he said that by such means the invalid might die bereft of sense and thus lose his hold upon salvation. He had just taken this draught when there was a low rap upon the door. The woman arose to answer the summons. She conversed a few moments with the girl who had knocked, and when she returned to the bed she announced that Ruric Nevel wished to enter.

"Let him come in," whispered the count.

"But—"

"Never mind," he interrupted as the woman commenced thus to expostulate. "Let him come in. By heavens, if he is my enemy let me see him! It may serve to arouse me."

So the woman went to the door again, and soon afterward Ruric Nevel entered the apartment. He stepped lightly, noiselessly, to the bedside, but it was some moments ere he could distinguish objects by the subdued light of the place. By and by, however, he overcame the difficulty, and he started back in horror as he beheld the features of his adversary. How pale and sunken! How deathlike and ghastly! The count noticed the movement, and he noticed the look.

"Count Damonoff," spoke the gunmaker in a low, solemn tone, "a few days since I heard that you were recovering, and I thanked God. But today they told me you were dying, and I have come to ask that I may take your hand ere you pass away from earth. As God is my Maker and my Judge, I would rather lie down here and die for you than have you pass away with a curse of me upon your soul or on your lips. Forgive me for what I have done and never again will I engage in such a wicked work. For my own life, it is my country's and my mother's and I have no right to throw it away, and my antagonist's life is the sacred property of God, which I have no right to touch but in self defense. Forgive me."

Slowly and heavily moved the dying man over, and then he extended his thin and wasted hand.

"Ruric," he said, and his voice was stronger now, for the potion was working, "I am glad you have come—very glad—for I have wished, above all else of earth, to see you. I could not send for you, for I knew not how you might come. I have been all wrong in the things that have passed between thee and me. I was mad and a fool. I blame you not, but rather do I thank you for your kindness through all the scene. Oh, I forgive you with all my heart. And now tell me that I am forgiven."

"Forgiven?" repeated Ruric, with a trembling lip, still holding the count's hand within both his own. "Oh, would to God I could call you back to life! Forgiven? Oh, God, who reads all hearts, knows how humble, how sacred, is my forgiveness to you! Could I call you back, could I wipe out the past from my memory, I could die content."

"Enough," returned the count warmly. "This was my holiest wish, though pride has kept back its utterance. Oh, I feared you would gloat over my death—that you would be glad when I was gone."

"No, no! I should have been a monster then!"

"There are many such. And yet I wronged you by the thought. But

I could not help it."

A moment more passed in silence, and then the invalid resumed:

"There is one reason why I should like to live—I should be prepared for a better life. Since death has come—since I have known that he stood waiting by my bed—I have wondered at the evil life I have led, and I have thought that if the dark king would let me remain here a few years more I could be a better man. But 'tis too late now. The die is cast. Yet I have some joy in this. You have shed a happy light upon my dying hour. God bless you!"

Ruric's feelings were easily moved, and there was something in the deep solemnity of this occasion that started his heart to a tender mood, and the last words of the dying man flowed the cup. He bowed his head, and, covering his eyes with one hand while he held in the other the hand of Conrad, he wept freely and silently.

At this moment the woman arose and left the room.

"She's gone," said the count after he had recovered somewhat from the deep emotions which had been stirred within his own soul. "Sit down here beside me."

Ruric obeyed the request, and after he had seated himself he gazed sadly into the sick man's face.

"Say, Ruric," the count asked, while an eager look overspread his face, "wast true what Kopani told me—that you overcame Demetrius the Greek with the sword?"

"I did," the youth replied in a whisper.

"But you did not disarm him? You did not fairly take his sword from him?"

"I did, Conrad."

"My soul, is it possible? And where have you been all your life?"

"In Moscow and in Spain."

"And yet obscure."

"Never mind that now," interposed Ruric. "I have something of more interest. Do you—But you will pardon me for what I may say, for I assure you I mean it all for your good."

"Speak on," said Conrad, at the same time running his eyes almost enviously over the gunmaker's nobly developed breast and shoulders.

"Then, first, I have just come from the Lady Rosalind—Ah, I meant not!"

"Go on. I may have felt a pang at the mention of that name, but I know she loves you, and were I strong at this moment as ever I'd relinquish all claims of her to you. So fear not."

"Thank you, sir count, for this. But, I was remarking, I am not long from her presence, and between us both we have suspected some dark things. Do you think the duke was really your friend?"

The count started, and a strange gleam shot from his eyes.

"Go on," he uttered.

"Then listen. Before you ever came to my shop the duke had solemnly promised Rosalind that she should receive no more trouble from you—that you would claim her hand no more."

"Do you know this?"

"I do."

"But it cannot be. Why should he have sent me on that mission to you?"

"I had taught one of his officers the sword exercise, and he knew I was your superior in strength and the use of the weapon."

"Well, go on," whispered the count nervously and anxiously.

"Why, he thought very likely that we should not meet on such a question without a quarrel. He knew your natural impetuosity and my strength of arm and hoped you—would fall."

"But—go on!"

"His estate is running out, and he wants the whole of Drotzen."

"Ah, I see it now!"

"The duke had proposed himself for Rosalind's hand," resumed Ruric. "He says he has loved her long, and he will force her to marry him if he can, though he breaks her heart."

"My God!" gasped the count, fairly starting up to a sitting posture. "How blind I have been! By my soul, he never was cordial, never kind!"

Ruric gently laid the sick man back, and then he said:

"From all that I can see and understand, the proud duke meant to get all your wealth and all of Rosalind's."

The count spoke not yet. He lay with his eyes closed and groaned in

agony at the strange revelations that were breaking in upon him.

But, see! Why starts Ruric so suddenly, and why does he turn so pale? Why do his hands tremble, and why is his brow bent so eagerly?

"What is it?" asked the count, startled by the strange event.

"Hold!" whispered Ruric in a frantic tone. "You were recovering once?"

"From this wound?"

"Yes."

"Yes. I was getting well fast, and the doctors said I should be stout and well in a month. But suddenly this change came on. Let's see. On Friday morning I felt the first relapse."

"The very time!" gasped Ruric to himself.

The count moved his head forward and would have caught his companion by the hand if he could. "For God's sake, Ruric, what is it?"

"As I came this way I saw a humpbacked priest pass out from this house?" said the gunmaker interrogatively.

"Yes, yes," returned the count, speaking shortly and quickly. "It was Savotano. He has attended me. The duke recommended him."

"And was he here Thursday night?"

"Thursday? Ah, yes; he watched with me that night."

"And has he been in attendance since?"

"Yes—every day. But why do you ask? Say, what is that meaning upon your face? What is it?"

"At this moment the door of the apartment was quietly, noiselessly, opened, and Kopani, the surgeon, entered the place."

"Ha!" cried Ruric, starting toward him and grasping him by the arm. "Your patient is poisoned! A deadly poison has been given him, and it is even now eating his life away!"

"Impossible!" gasped the surgeon, straining his eyes to see plainly who it was that spoke to him. "Ah!" he uttered as he became somewhat used to the gloom of the apartment. "Is it you, sir?"

"Aye, but mind not that now. Cannot you do something for the count? He has been poisoned?"

"It cannot be!"

"By the hopes of my salvation," cried Conrad Damonoff, starting up to a sitting posture, "he speaks the truth! That accursed priest! Oh, Olga, Olga, I never dreamed that thou wast mine enemy!"

"But what is it all?" the surgeon asked, gazing first upon Ruric and then upon the count. "Speak, some one!"

"Tell him," groaned Conrad.

"Listen," said the gunmaker. "I have my suspicions. But, mind you, they are founded on facts, and the facts are these: The Duke of Tula is well nigh free from the possession of property. His half of Drotzen is all mortgaged, and he wants the other half. That other half he cannot have while Damonoff lives. The duke, too, has sworn that Rosalind Valda shall be his wife, so he would have her property also. This humpbacked priest is Olga's tool. It was Olga got him into the church, and it was Olga who freed him more than once from deserved punishment. Last Thursday evening he was with the duke in private council, and he came from thence directly to this place. Now you can judge for yourself."

The surgeon started slightly, and then he bowed his head. A few moments he remained thus, and then he leaped up and clasped his hands.

"By the living God of all things," he cried, "it is, it is! There is no burning up, as I thought, of icy, wintry fire, but the hellish work is from a human hand! Hold! I know the symptoms! I know them now. Be quiet, Conrad. It may not yet be too late."

As the surgeon spoke he hastily opened a small leather case he carried with him, and from thence he took a powerful emetic. The woman was sent for, and when she came she obtained warm water. The potion was given, a small quantity at a time, at intervals of about five minutes until the desired effect was produced. A strange mass of stuff was thrown up, and Kopani took it to the light and examined it. Most of it was of dark, brownish color, but with streaks of yellow and coarse blotches of red and green.

"This poison!" the surgeon said. "And it has been administered in small quantities."

"And cannot something be done?" asked Ruric eagerly. "Oh, save him if you can! Save him, and I'll bless you ever! You can—oh, say you can!"

The surgeon caught the youth by the hand. "There was something in this noble spirit that moved him, and he knew now that all must have been forgiven between the two men."

"I'll try," he said. "I have antidotes with me. By heavens, all is not lost yet!"

"Then hasten," urged Ruric, half

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crazed beneath the weight of the great discovery which he had thus helped to make.

"Be not uneasy. I will see that he suffers not for want of human skill." And as the surgeon thus spoke he moved to the sideboard and mixed an antidote. But he did not give it until the invalid had vomited all he could.

"Hold!" cried Ruric as the surgeon took up the wine to mix the antidote with. "Touch not a thing here. Perhaps the villain has poisoned them all!"

"So it may be," Kopani said, setting down the bottle. He then turned to the woman, who had remained standing by the fire like one in a trance, and asked her to bring a fresh bottle of wine. She quickly obeyed, and when she was gone Kopani took all the articles upon the table and set them on one side. He would not throw them away, for he meant to analyze them.

When the woman returned, Kopani mixed the new potion and administered it, and ere long afterward the count fell asleep.

"Ruric Nevel," said the surgeon as soon as he was sure the invalid would sleep, "will you remain here awhile? I wish to go and analyze some of these things. I have only to go to the academy. I will be back in an hour at the furthest."

The gunmaker gladly consented to this, and, having gathered up the vials and the wine bottle and concealed them beneath his pelisse, the surgeon left.

Ruric Nevel was happier now, for hope was with him while he prayed that God might spare the unfortunate count.

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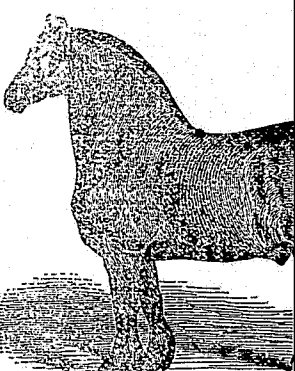
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Mr. Roosevelt has determined that so far as the Navy and Army Department are concerned, the Schley matter shall cease to exist.

Mr. Rockefeller is something of a philanthropist too. He has contributed a total of \$10,251,000 to the University of Chicago.

Mr. Carnegie has not even forgotten the newspaper boys. He has just donated \$5,000 for a reference library for the New York Press Club.

Some people are inclined to regard Richard Croker's presidential endorsement of Admiral Schley as another evidence that the Admiral is being persecuted.

According to the last census sixty-six per cent. of the men between the ages of 17 and 35 are unmarried and the average age at which the 34 per cent. married was 25 years.

In England, where the government owns the telegraph lines the newspaper rate is 4 cents per hundred words. This would permit of the telegraphing of an one-thousand word letter for 40 cents.

Commenting editorially on the articles by Senator Beveridge, now appearing in THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, the December Review of Reviews says:

"Any American who wishes to understand what the Russians are doing in Manchuria, and to grasp the matter so firmly and understandingly that he can shut his eyes and see it all, must read a series of papers from the pen of Senator Beveridge of Indiana, now appearing in THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, of Philadelphia. Mr. Beveridge's first article in this series appeared on November 16. This energetic and brilliant young statesman, who took his seat in the Senate two years ago with a remarkable knowledge of the Philippine situation based upon several months of travel and study on the ground, has now been spending the half year since Congress adjourned in revisiting the far East, going this time by way of Europe, and crossing Siberia and Manchuria under circumstances which gave him an intimate acquaintance with the newest aspects of the expansion movements of the Russian empire. Hardly any other man in public life has Mr. Beveridge's power of vivid statement."

Are England, Scotland and Ireland destined, ultimately, to become a part of "The United States of America and Great Britain?" is the startling inquiry which Wm. T. STEAD makes in the January COSMOPOLITAN. He has been one of the prophets of Great Britain, and has, at all times, been able to see in advance of his contemporaries—as events have proven. He has been studying the new conditions brought about by the industrial combinations and reaches the conclusion that England and the United States are destined to be more closely united and that as soon as the English people wake up to the absurdity and general uselessness, as has been shown in the Boer War, of a king and aristocracy, the trend will be immediate in the direction of a union with the people of the United States. However much one may differ from Mr. STEAD, his speculations will be found vastly interesting. He is the first British subject who has had the courage to suggest such an outcome.

How Invention Promotes Peace. Anything that advances the cause of peace among men is to be

welcomed; and nothing of late has done half so much to promote this good cause as the shattering of military ideals and traditions by the hand of the inventor. Liberty, industry, and civilization have suffered in untold measure for half a century past by reason of the arrogance and dominance of professional militarism in Europe. But now, in the opening of this new century, it has dawned upon the minds of statesmen and ordinary citizens alike that militarism as a system is absolutely doomed. From this point of view, the continuance of the South African war, with all its misery and shame, has been of immense value to the world as an object lesson. It has demonstrated the ineffectiveness of regular warfare under the new conditions made possible by such inventions as the long-range rifle, with smokeless high explosives. The Boers themselves, though evidently their leaders had some glimmering consciousness of their defensive strength, had no really intelligent idea of the course that events were destined to take. If they had known at the beginning what they know now, they could have greatly prolonged the war, and probably won England out in the end, by a more careful avoidance of open actions and by the adoption of guerrilla methods long before they had exhausted their supplies and munitions and had allowed great bodies of their best men to be captured.—Review of Reviews.

Extract from the President's Message, 1901.

"In Cuba such progress has been made toward putting the independent government of the island upon a firm footing that before the present session of the Congress closes this will be an accomplished fact. Cuba will then start as her own mistress; and to the beautiful Queen of the Antilles, as she unfolds this new page of her destiny, we extend our heartiest greetings and good wishes. Elsewhere I have discussed the question of reciprocity. In the case of Cuba, however, there are weighty reasons of morality and of National interest why the policy should be held to have a peculiar application, and I most earnestly ask your attention to the wisdom—in deed, to the vital need—of providing for a substantial reduction in the tariff duties on Cuban imports into the United States. Cuba has in her constitution affirmed what we desired, that she should stand, in international matters, in closer and more friendly relations with us than with any other power; and we are bound by every consideration of honor and expediency to pass commercial measures in the interest of her material well being."

A Good Work Completed.

There is an advantage and a disadvantage in repairing any part of a house. The new room looks nice, but the contrast between it and the other rooms is sometimes almost too painfully apparent. We realized this after the Epworth League had refurnished the lecture room. It was lovely to go from the audience room into the lecture room, but not so refreshing to come back to the rather dingy audience room. The most self-evident of all self-evident facts convinced us that the audience room must be "fixed up" too.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," even in the month of December, when the days are mostly nights and you have but nine hours and ten minutes of solar light to work by, according to that reliable almanac which we mentioned a week or two ago. It was just a few days before Christmas and we were obliged to send Santa Claus a card saying that if he didn't find us in the accustomed place to hunt us up elsewhere. Then we went to work, or the carpenters' and paper-hangers' did. The necessary stagings were erected and in a short time the ceiling displayed a beautiful cream-white moresco. The walls were transformed by an ingrain paper of light maroon with a border in imitation of fresco having a handsome design in red and gold on a groundwork of dark maroon shading to a cream white, tinged with green.

By last Saturday night, the work was completed and everybody weary enough to rest from their labors. The only discouraging

thing about it is that old Sol won't condescend to smile on our "opening" days. It stormed Sunday and we are not quite sure but in time of a drought, a modest attempt on our part to show some needed repairs to the public would bring the desired rain. However, there is a certain amount of satisfaction to be derived from completed work and the consciousness that others will have the opportunity of enjoying the results with us when the circumstances are more favorable. Pastor and people unite in bidding all welcome.

We desire to especially mention the generous contribution of Mr. Moses Foster of Waterville, a former inhabitant of Bethel, whose interest in our welfare seems to be in no degree lessened because he now resides elsewhere. We also wish to thank Messrs. Will and Jotham Chapman for the conscientious and skillful manner in which they have performed the work entrusted to them. We would add that much credit is due Mr. Myron Pillsbury for the untiring energy he has shown in collecting the necessary funds and pushing the work to completion.

Fourthly, and lastly, "lest we forget" to thank everybody who deserves to be thanked individually, and space will not permit of our doing so here, we assure every reader of the NEWS who has in any way contributed to this work that your kindness has been sincerely appreciated by us. A Happy New Year to you all!

Roosevelt's Mother.

Theodore Roosevelt's mother was a daughter of the South, and her sympathies were with that section in its struggle for existence.

It was just previous to the firing of the first gun at Sumter that Theodore Roosevelt, the elder, decided to give a great social function at his New York home. The Roosevelt mansion was accordingly decked in bunting, and with the United States flags. From every window, save one, flew the Stars and Stripes. That exception was Mrs. Roosevelt's boudoir window. Her husband had not desired to omit it from the decorative scheme, but she had a decorative plan of her own.

Stopping not to consider the peril in which it might place her and her husband, she drew from among her cherished treasures the stars and bars of the Confederate. Going to the window, she firmly fixed its staff and allowed its folds to flutter to the breeze.

On the instant, almost, the hostile ensign was noted, in indignation one observer pointed it out to another, and a crowd speedily grew, as crowds will. Soon the street was choked with angry people, who shook threatening fists at the Confederate flag and inveighed most bitterly.

Alarmed by the gathering, Mr. Roosevelt sought the cause that had stirred the people to anger. He was not long in finding it. Pierce acclaim directed his gaze, which rested upon the fluttering emblem of the South. With a word to the crowd he entered the house to find his wife. He told her what she already knew—that the anger of the crowd had been excited by her indiscreet display of the Southern colors, and said that it would be well for her to take in the flag.

"I shall not do so," said the mother of the President. "The flag is mine; the boudoir is my native land. Explain to them that I am a Southern woman; that I love the South. Do anything you like except touch the flag. It shall not come down."

And it did not. Theodore Roosevelt went again to face the crowd. He dwelt with finesse upon his wife's love for her native land and molded the gathering to his will and to an indulgence of Mrs. Roosevelt in her desire to fly the flag of her beloved South.

The crowd dispersed. The story remains to show a maternal quality that has made a President.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our neighbors and friends, our sincere and grateful thanks for their kind and generous gifts to us at Christmas, and also to unknown friends who have left gifts for us at the post-office without leaving their signature.

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All Hands Smoking.

Tobacco is in Tahantepec a great industry. One evening some of our party of sixteen were kindly given a night's shelter, Mexican fashion, at a hacienda or farmhouse. Hotels, except in the large towns, are unknown. It was about 9 p. m. when we arrived. Sitting on the wide veranda to receive us we beheld the entire family. On the right of the door was the lady of the house in a white cotton gown, smoking a cigar. Below her were the daughters and handmaids, also smoking. On the other side of the door was the ranchero or master himself, with his sons and manservants. Every one was employed in rolling the tobacco leaf into cigars, and every one was smoking, including a little boy not quite three years old, who had a full sized cigar in his baby mouth, while in his left hand he held a banana from which he took bites between the puffs, occasionally stopping to play with a small puppy dog.

"Does he often smoke?" I asked in amazement.
"Si, senora. He smokes three or four cigars a day. All our children have done so at that age." Adaptability of temperament to climate!—Fortnightly Review.

Passing a Bargain.

"Perhaps you've had a man offer you a big bargain in a diamond ring?" queried the Boston drummer as he heaved a sigh and his face went cloudy.

"Yes, several times," laughed the Pullman conductor.

"It was in Pittsburg," continued the drummer, "and while standing on a street corner a chap came along and offered me a shiner as big as a bean for \$50. He was a stranger, hard up and all that. It looked to be a ring worth \$350."

"And you gave him \$50?"
"No. He hung on for half an hour, but I turned him down. I'm no man to be roped in that way."

"Then what—what?"

"Oh, another fellow bought the ring."

"And he was out his fifty?"

"He was in \$300. That ring, sir, was O. K. and all serene, and a jeweler priced it at the figure named. The man was honest, and I was a fool, and you will please excuse me while I retire and kick myself for not knowing a piece of glass from a pure water sparker."

A Savage Bluejay.

A sportsman camping on one of the lakes of Sullivan county, N. Y., offered to bet \$10 to \$1 that nobody in his party could guess how he had received an injury to a finger which he held bleeding before the spectators. No one guessed, and the man went on to explain that while standing by the lake he had seen a bluejay flying over so close above his head that he instinctively threw up his hand to stop it. The bird neither stopped nor swerved, but instead dashed straight for the hand, striking it with such force that the bill penetrated to the bone and sent the blood spurting as though the man had been struck by a knife.

This sort of action is in line with the general conduct of the jay. It is one of the most aggressive birds on the continent, robbing the nests of other birds and sometimes even killing young squirrels. The chief good thing that can be said of it is that it often robs the nest of the English sparrow.

The Maori and the Witness.

Captain Hayes in his book, "Among the Maori in South Africa," tells several amusing stories. A friend of his in New Zealand had been a government interpreter among the Maori and had many stories to tell about these people. On one occasion a native chief, who was under cross examination in court, on being asked why he had not brought a certain man with him replied: "I have brought him."
"But," said the barrister, looking in vain round the court, "I don't see him. Where is he?"
"He is here," chuckled the Maori proudly, stroking his massive chest.

Peculiar Taxation in Holland.

Some of the most peculiar of taxations recorded are to be found in the archives of Holland. In 1701, for instance, there was in existence a tax imposed on all passengers traveling in Holland. In 1874 a duty of 2 shillings was levied on each person who entered a tavern before noon, on those who entered a place of entertainment, on marriages and deaths and on many other things. If a person was buried out of the district to which he belonged, the tax was payable twice over.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Horses and Saddle.

A man bought three horses and a saddle for \$220. If he puts the saddle on the first horse, they cost as much as the other two horses; if he puts the saddle on the second horse, they cost two times as much as the first and third; and if he puts the saddle on the third horse they cost three times as much as the first and second. Find the cost of each.—Mathematical Puzzles.

Mr. Thomasson's Lesson.

"Yes," said Mr. Thomasson, "I went home intoxicated one night about ten years ago, and the lesson my wife taught me made a lasting impression on my brain."

"What did she say?"
"She didn't say anything. The lasting impression I refer to was made by a flatiron. See that bump?"—Indianapolis Sun.

A man's labors must pass like the sunrises and sunsets of the world. The next thing, not the last, must be his care.

Why is it that gloves worn by pallbearers are always too long in the fingers?—Athenian Globe.

Perhaps It's Worms

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See my line of LUNCH CRACKERS—12 varieties—also Orange Blossom Tea, Mocha and Java Coffee, all kinds of Canned Goods, etc.

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G. P. BEAN'S

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Claude Kelley, aged 19, is serving a second sentence in jail for selling liquor at Rumford Falls.

Robert Small of Lisbon Falls received injuries in the Oxford paper mill at Rumford Falls, Dec. 24, which resulted fatally.

George Emery Fellows of the University of Chicago is elected president of the University of Maine to succeed Dr. Harris.

On making an investigation as to the bad condition of an Orono sewer, it was found that the roots from willows near by had entered the pipe completely filling it for a distance of nearly thirty feet.

Miss Minnie French, the young woman who lost her scalp in a machine in the Edwards mill at Augusta, died two weeks later. The scalp from the back of the neck to the eyebrows was torn off. It was replaced but did not knit. At first the operation was thought to be successful, but Miss French did not have enough strength to stand the strain of illness.

There was a collision between the Norway train and an electric car at Hick's crossing, Friday forenoon. Only one passenger, Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson, was injured, and it is thought her injuries are not serious. It was seventeen years ago this month, that the daughter of Judge Wilson came very near losing her life in an accident on the Norway Branch.

Mrs. Annie Nichols, wife of Game Warden C. C. Nichols, was drowned in Moosehead lake Christmas eve. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, accompanied by two men, were crossing the lake in a sleigh, when a rift in the ice was discovered in front of them. The sleigh was turned so suddenly that all the occupants were thrown into the lake. The three men succeeded in getting out but all efforts to save Mrs. Nichols were useless. Her body was recovered the next day.

Prejudiced.

"So you won't take my medicine?" said the doctor, who had been called in against the patient's wishes.
"I will not," replied the patient.
"I suppose you're one of those poor, deluded beings who believe in throwing physic to the dogs."
"Not indiscriminately. Some dogs are valuable."—Philadelphia Press.

Hit Both Ways.

First Artist—Congratulate me, old man, I've just sold my masterpiece to Banker Parvenu for five thousand dollars.
Second Artist—Glad to hear it. The miserable skinflint deserves to be swindled.

There Is

a shoe for every need, for every taste, and for every foot in



They are made in special shapes, to give ease and comfort, and at the same time a graceful, stylish appearance to every type of foot. No matter for what use or occasion a woman may need footwear, she cannot fail to find in the "Queen Quality" variety something to suit her requirements.

Always One Price \$3.00

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CEYLON ROWE'S,
BETHEL, MAINE.

Length of Dreams.

Three physicians were discussing the matter of the length of dreams a day or two ago, when one of them related a strange experience.

"Yesterday afternoon," he said, "I called to see a patient, and, much to my satisfaction, I found him sleeping soundly. I sat by his bed, felt of his pulse without disturbing him and waited for him to awaken. After a few minutes a junk dealer's cart with discordant ringing bells turned into the street, and as their first tones reached us my patient opened his eyes.

"Doctor," he said, "I'm glad to see you and awfully glad that you woke me, for I have been tortured by a most distressing dream that must have lasted for several hours. I dreamed that I was sick, as I am, and that my boy came into the room with a string of most hoarsely sounding sleighbells and rang them in my ears, while I hadn't power to move or speak to him. I suffered tortures for what appeared to be an interminable time. I'm so glad you woke me."

"The ringing of those bells for one second had caused all of that dream and just at the waking moment."—New York Herald.

Hairbrushes.

No amount of washing of the hair will keep it clean if filthy brushes are used, yet persons otherwise fairly neat are careless in this respect. A specialist says that hairbrushes should be washed once a week and, if used on hair in which there is much dandruff, twice a week is not too often. The brushes should be washed in cold, not hot, water, to which cloudy ammonia has been added in the proportion of a scant tablespoonful to a quart of water. Care should be taken not to wet the backs of the brushes, and when washed and rinsed a good way to rinse them properly is to use a shower spray on them—they should be put on edge in the air to dry. Dress combs, too, should be frequently cleaned, a comb cleaner being used for the purpose.

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"The Chronicle" for December, edited by the members of the High school, is out. Price 10 cents.

Wendell Rounds is clerking for R. A. Shurtleff & Co. for the holidays.

Three children of John Ryerson, on the Elder farm, have diphtheria.

Hiram Pulsifer and wife have returned from a two months' visit in Massachusetts.

There are twenty-seven prisoners in the jail.

Roy Porter is clerking in J. P. Richardson's hardware store.

Percy Hathaway has been spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hathaway.

Mr. George Morton has moved his family into their new house on Western Avenue.

Among the young people at home for the holidays, were, Miss Iva McArdle, Brockton, Mass.; Albert Clark, Brooklyn; Mabel Hathaway, Quincy, Mass.; Susie L. Rounds, Turner.

Mr. H. W. Dean, of Hyde Park, spent Christmas with his family here.

A. E. Morse is visiting his brothers, Samuel and Charles Morse, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. George D. Robertson is to go soon to Cleveland, Tenn., for a visit with relatives.

Sunday was the last day of the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, of the Baptist church.

Mr. Ernest Crockett has gone to Brockton Mass., where he will take a course in a business college.

The ladies of the Universalist Good Cheer are planning to give a Rose Carnival in March. The supper, to be given on January 14, will be followed by a farce, "Margery, or The Rough Diamond."

The Eastern Telephone Co. is to place four telephone instruments in Paris Mfg. Co.'s mill.

Rev. R. J. Haughton, of the First Congregational church of Weymouth, Mass., gave his lecture, "The Art of Optimism," at the Methodist church on New Years eve.

Lieut. Alfred A. Starbird of the Sixth U. S. Artillery was at home last week from Fort Monroe, Va., for his first visit since he went to Manila three years ago. He returned Friday.

The Methodist Sunday school has added to their library about 40 or 50 volumes.

The rain of Sunday has melted nearly all the snow which fell Friday.

Miss Monroe, who has been caring for Mrs. Alice Thayer, has returned to Lewiston. Mrs. Thayer is improving.

Mr. Phil Curtis, who has been ill with typhoid fever for the last three weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennison and two children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Stuart.

Alton C. Wheeler sub-master of the Woburn High school spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Wheeler.

On Christmas day at noon, Miss Gertrude Shaw and Mr. William Kenney were united in marriage by Rev. W. E. Brooks. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney will take a short trip and then go to Oldtown where Mr. Kenney has a position as manager of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Harry Swan, a reporter of the Lewiston Journal, formerly of this place, was in town last Wednesday.

A Certain Cure for Chilblains.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Paste, a powder. It cures Chilblains, Prosofies, Camp Sweating, Swollen feet. At all drug stores and shoe stores, etc.

A Bad Breath

A bad breath means a bad stomach, a bad digestion, a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headache.

25¢. All druggists.

Want your mountains or head a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the hair.

10 Cts. of DYE, or 25 Cts. of BROWN, or 50 Cts. of BLACK, or 1.00 of RED, or 1.50 of BLUE, or 2.00 of GREEN, or 2.50 of PURPLE, or 3.00 of ORANGE, or 3.50 of PINK, or 4.00 of VIOLET, or 4.50 of BROWN, or 5.00 of BLACK, or 5.50 of RED, or 6.00 of BLUE, or 6.50 of GREEN, or 7.00 of PURPLE, or 7.50 of BROWN, or 8.00 of BLACK, or 8.50 of RED, or 9.00 of BLUE, or 9.50 of GREEN, or 10.00 of PURPLE, or 10.50 of BROWN, or 11.00 of BLACK, or 11.50 of RED, or 12.00 of BLUE, or 12.50 of GREEN, or 13.00 of PURPLE, or 13.50 of BROWN, or 14.00 of BLACK, or 14.50 of RED, or 15.00 of BLUE, or 15.50 of GREEN, or 16.00 of PURPLE, or 16.50 of BROWN, or 17.00 of BLACK, or 17.50 of RED, or 18.00 of BLUE, or 18.50 of GREEN, or 19.00 of PURPLE, or 19.50 of BROWN, or 20.00 of BLACK, or 20.50 of RED, or 21.00 of BLUE, or 21.50 of GREEN, or 22.00 of PURPLE, or 22.50 of BROWN, or 23.00 of BLACK, or 23.50 of RED, or 24.00 of BLUE, or 24.50 of GREEN, or 25.00 of PURPLE, or 25.50 of BROWN, or 26.00 of BLACK, or 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tidy bit of money and no mistake. And
yet he isn't happy. In an address to a Bible
class he spoke of trials and troubles of the
rich and the loads they have to carry. A
young lady whispered to a friend that he
might wear a Benson's Porous Plaster on his
back or, better still, divide the money among
the members of the class. I don't know
why her idea about the plaster makes me
want to laugh, but it does. All the same
I have seen plenty of people laugh after
putting Benson's Plasters on their backs
or chests, or on any other spot where there
was weight, heaviness, weakness or pain.
It may be the sharp stabs of neuralgia, the
aches and wrenches of rheumatism; it may
be colds in muscles or bones; it may be
those kidney or lumbar thrusts that make
you yell as at a dog bite; or it may be a
strain or cramp, anything that wants quiet-
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salves, liniments, lotions, etc., or with any
of the stupid and useless old style plasters.
Clap on a Benson's. It relieves of one
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CONSUMPTION

PEDIGREE STOCK.
Why the Farmer Would Profit by Handling Pure Breeds.
By pedigree stock is meant animals entered in a genealogical register of pure bred stock, says M. M. Small in Breeder's Gazette. Nearly all the breeds of pure bred stock have these registry associations, and they are for the purpose of maintaining unimpaired the purity of the breed they represent. No one questions the purity of the blood of the stock so recorded, hence the certificate of registration of an animal is sufficient guarantee of the purity of the blood of the animal it belongs to.
Farmers should work into this class of stock. To start, make a selection of the breed best suited to your needs, then place yourself in communication with the secretary of the registry association of that breed of stock, study the rules and regulations of the association and buy foundation stock that is registered. This done, make the environments suitable for the full development of the animal for the use to which it is to be placed. This is all easily done.
There is not as much trouble in starting out in this way as would be required to buy a town lot, for you can do all this yourself without the aid and expense of a lawyer. You can make this foundation cost you much or little, just according to how extensively you engage in it. The foundation well started, it would cost you no



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more to maintain and carry on the breeding of this pure blood stock than the well kept scrub, mongrel or white oak. I mean by this that your time and feed are about the same in each case. In the scrub you have your neighbor or local buyer for your market, and if you want to sell you generally must take his price. In the pedigree stock you have the whole world for your market.
Among the improvements in beef cattle are early maturity, feeding qualities or assimilation of food and increased percentage of dressed meat. Think of over 71 per cent of dressed meat and that from a heifer under two years old at Chicago for Christmas beef. Breeders and feeders feel proud now that they can make selections that will dress from 68 to 72 per cent and this, too, at a less cost for feed than the stock that only yields 55 per cent.

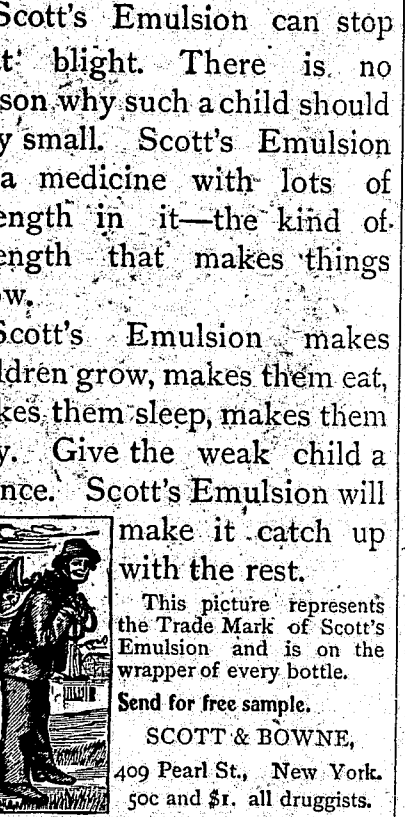


Mr. William J. Overton of Illinois, writing to Breeder's Gazette on the much discussed question of the best horse for farm work, says:
We are all lovers of a good horse and believe there is a place for all breeds, but do not believe that the place for the draft horse is on the American farms where the hired man and farmers' sons generally ride to do the farm work and the usual amount of teaming. He might be all right if the hired man had to walk all the time and we did not have such warm summers.
I have raised some of the largest and best draft horses in our country or at least they have been so judged at county fairs, and I have sold at a figure at the yards that was not reached by any draft horse in six months, but I could never get the work out of them that I could get out of a good sized American bred horse with as much Morgan blood as I can get, not so much as to have them undersized; but I will say right here as a rule the more Morgan the smaller the horse may be.
There were a good many Morgan mares here fifteen to twenty years ago, and most of us thought we had to have larger horses, so we crossed the little mares with the draft horse. We got some parts larger. It might be in the legs or in the head or in the body, but not usually all in one colt. I think there is no one who will claim we have as good a wearing breed of horses here as we had twenty years ago. We have a few good ones left and are trying to breed back, but it will take some time. I would breed the draft to the draft, but the farmer who only raises colts for his own use, with now and then one to sell, had better stay by the good sized, smooth American bred horse.

Splints in Horses.
As a usual rule, the only real evil attaching to splints is the lameness caused during the period of inflammation and of the building up of the exostosis. In the ordinary course of things, as the osseous growth consolidates so does the lameness wear off. When a splint is fully hardened, it can hardly be said, unless of sufficient size as to render it perceptible as a blemish, to be any real detriment.—London Live Stock Journal.

Characteristics of Sells.
Clay soils are richer in potash than soils that are sandy, but they do not always contain an abundance of phosphoric acid, for which reason the use of phosphates generally shows excellent results on such soils. Granite soils are seldom well supplied with lime, and some soils contain but little nitrogen unless having been covered with a dense growth of vegetation.

Stop the Blight
It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well afterwards but stay small and sickly.
It is worse to see a blight strike children. Good health is the natural right of children. But some of them don't get their rights. While the rest grow big and strong one stays small and weak.
Scott's Emulsion can stop that blight. There is no reason why such a child should stay small. Scott's Emulsion is a medicine with lots of strength in it—the kind of strength that makes things grow.
Scott's Emulsion makes children grow, makes them eat, makes them sleep, makes them play. Give the weak child a chance. Scott's Emulsion will make it catch up with the rest.
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TO AVOID CONSUMPTION.

How the Spread of This Disease May Be Retarded.
While consumption cannot be absolutely prevented its progress and prevalence can certainly be arrested by the observance of a few simple rules. Some of these are so obvious as to present no difficulty, while others are matters of education. Of the most obvious are the following: The avoidance of the spitting habit, whether on the street, in the cars, on board ferryboats or excursion steamers or in any public place. Unsuspected germs of tuberculosis often lie hidden in the matter expectorated, which, when dry, enter the lungs by means of the nostrils or the mouth. If, therefore, any one is obliged to spit, let him do so into his handkerchief. When spittoons are provided in saloons, offices and elsewhere, let them be well cleansed and disinfected at least once a day.
Let care be taken to have all work-shops, stores and all establishments where work of any sort is done by day or by night ventilated thoroughly and swept daily and the dust frequently laid during the day by sprinkling with clean water into which some disinfectant should be poured. Let the ceilings, walls and all the woodwork be kept well dusted and the floors, surfaces, etc., scrubbed and disinfected at least once a week. Disinfectants are cheap, and for the above purposes one of the most effective and most easily procurable is a solution of chloride of lime.
In private houses the same process should be gone through at frequent intervals; all the bedding, pillows, etc., should get as much airing and sunlight as possible, the rugs and carpets should be swept every day and the mats well shaken or beaten every morning, but not in such a way as to scatter the dust round the neighborhood. The carpets should be taken up and beaten at least twice a year, and all should be subjected to constant light sprinkling with some disinfectant that will not take out the color nor stain the material. Such a disinfection is zinc chloride solution.

Recklessness.
"Inherited wealth," exclaimed the blase young man, with a dreary yawn, "is a curse!"
"Then why don't you try to get rid of it?" asked the youth who hadn't inherited any wealth.
"I am doing the best I can," rejoined the other. "I keep a yacht, run an automobile, belong to a swell golf club and lend you money."—Chicago Tribune.

A Novelty.
"Suppose I give you your supper," said the tired looking woman. "What will you do to earn it?"
"Madam," said Meandering Mike, "I'll give you an opportunity of seeing a man go to a whole meal without finding fault with a single thing."
The woman thought a minute and then told him to come in and she'd set the table.—Washington Star.

Now They Don't Speak.
Ethel—If ten men were to ask you to marry them, what would that be?
Amy—What would it be?
Ethel—A tender.
Amy—And if one should ask you what would that be?
Ethel—I don't know. What?
Amy—A wonder.—London Fun.

WIT AND WISDOM.
Old times are [sweetest] and old friends are [surest].
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REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP.
A Little Boy's Life Saved.
I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life, and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steere of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up" and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth to-day.—JOHN DEMONT, Inwood, Iowa.
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect December 11, 1901.

TRAINS GOING EAST.			
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	2.30	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.34	8.20	3.14
Gilead,	...	8.38	3.25
West Bethel,	...	8.47	3.49
BETHEL, arrive,	5.14	8.53	3.58
Lockes Mills,	...	9.00	4.08
Bryant Pond,	5.30	9.05	4.18
South Paris,	6.03	9.30	4.44
Lewiston,	7.05	10.10	5.20
Portland,	8.00	11.15	6.30

TRAINS GOING WEST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	3.15	1.30	6.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.05
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.00
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.20	8.40
Lockes Mills,	10.30	4.28	8.50
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.38	9.03
West Bethel,	10.54	4.46	9.13
Gilead,	11.05	4.57	9.25
Gorham,	11.33	5.40	10.00
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	12.20

The train which leaves Island Pond at 2.30 A. M., and the one which leaves Portland at 6.00 P. M., run every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 8.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 11.14.

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THE NEWS PUZZLE.



THE YOUNG LADY'S FATHER IS PRESENT. CAN YOU FIND HIM?



No. 350.—Diamonds.
1. A letter. 2. Three-fifths of cameo.
3. Confined in a cage. 4. Wasted by want or suffering. 5. Resembling meal. 6. Not moist. 7. A letter.
11.—1. In bag. 2. Part of Alabaster.
8. To blacken. 4. To do. 5. A letter.

No. 351.—A Popular Novel.



What popular modern novel is here illustrated?—New York Journal.

No. 352.—A Change of Raiment.
1. Carry an article of wearing apparel to some one who lives near you, and you will have the whole community in your vicinity.

2. Carry an article of wearing apparel to a place of trade, and the building will at once be stocked with similar articles.
3. Put an article of wearing apparel beside newspaper announcement (as it is usually abbreviated), and it will become a speech.

4. Place an article of headgear on a certain kind of grain, and it will become a freak of fancy.

No. 353.—Metagram.
A well known name;
Head changed, 'twill frame
To finger, it is said;
Again change for me;
Then you will see
It will be now to wed.

No. 354.—Beheading.
I am a dish; cut off my head,
And I will be a bird instead.

No. 355.—Distribution of the Body.
1. Find part of the head in crockery.
2. Find part of the face in a loose kind of low shoe.
3. Part of the face in part of a fastening.
4. Part of the face in a certain color.
5. Part of the body in a certain game played by two persons only.
6. Part of a limb in a kind of screw.
7. Part of the body in a division of land.
8. Part of the body in a certain tree.
9. Part of the entire body in part of a tree.
10. Part of a limb in a certain terrestrial, air breathing gastropod sometimes found in our gardens.
11. Part of the face in "assurance."

No. 356.—Charade.
Fair Lucy, standing on the lawn,
Some thought of sorrow nursed,
And, heedless of the lovely morn,
She softly breathed my first.

My second on the hawthorn near
Were trilling forth a tune,
And gentle Lucy deigned to hear
Their merry music soon.

Then forth upon the summer air
Her own clear accents fell
In strains more witching, all declare,
Than ever sang my whole.

No. 357.—Kings.
1. The king of the kitchen.
2. Three kings of the harvest.
3. The reflecting king.
4. The jostling king.
5. The indolent king.
6. The moneyed king.
7. The king of the cradle.
8. The grateful king.
9. The obedient king.
10. "The solemn old king who when life's labor ends, To the disposal of each worker gravely attends."

We hope that the above puzzles will prove of interest to our young readers. The answers will be given by number next week.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of

Answers to Last Weeks Puzzles.

No. 340.—A Ladder: Left hand side—Fellowships. Right hand side—Geometrical. Rounds: First—Elope. Second—Larum. Third—Wheat. Fourth—Haiti. Fifth—Parma.

No. 341.—Rhomboid: Across—1. Valid. 2. Moral. 3. Pivot. 4. Sirup. 5. Debar. Down—1. V. 2. Am. 3. Lop. 4. Iris. 5. David. 6. Lore. 7. Tub. 8. Pa. 9. R. No. 342.—Charade: Miss-tick, mystic. No. 343.—A Diagonal: Noble. Cross-words—Nabal. Robin. Tiber. Sable. Fibre.

No. 344.—Border of Words:
O C A M E L T I T L E
M I E C S
E H V E S
T E L A
A N G L E L I T H E Y

No. 345.—A Proverb: A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
No. 346.—Autumn Scene: Cattle-show.
No. 347.—Metagram: 1. Rest. 2. Test. 3. Nest. 4. West. 5. Vest. 6. Pest. 7. Best.
No. 348.—Floral Enigma: Golden-rod. Gold, old, good, red, nod.
No. 349.—A Dish of Pears: 1. Paradox. 2. Paradise. 3. Paris. 4. Paraguay. 5. Parachute. 6. Paranal. 7. Parapel. 8. Parish. 9. Paradigm. 10. Paramount.

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Perfectly Plain.
Uncle Rastus, who was seeking information concerning mushrooms, had been referred by a preternaturally solemn student to the professor of botany, and, with hat in hand, he was addressing that dignitary.

"Would you mind tellin' me, Mistah Mandrake," he said, "how to 'stinguish a mushroom from a toadstool?"
"Willingly," replied the professor. "In the first place, you must remember that the Amanita phalloides, or deadly agaric, closely resembles the Agaricus campestris, or edible fungus, which is our common variety and absolutely innocuous. Next, it will be necessary to fix firmly in your mind the distinguishing marks or characteristics of the Agaricus campestris, which are these: A pileus not covered with excrescence-like scales; gills of a brownish purple when mature; stalk solid and approximately cylindrical; ring near the middle of stalk; base not bulbous and not sheathed by membrane. The distinguishing characteristics of the Amanita phalloides, or deadly agaric, are these: Pileus destitute of distinct excrescences; white gills, hollow stalk; large ring and prominent bulb at base, with membranous upper margin. Bearing these points of differentiation fully in mind you will never be at a loss to determine which variety you encounter in any given case."

"Yes, sub," said Uncle Rastus, turning his hat round and round in his fingers. "I un'stan' dat all right, but how's I gwine to tell 'em apah?"—Chicago Tribune.

His Foot Was In the Way.

A gentlemanly chap riding in an elevated car permitted the sight of a man's foot in the middle of the aisle to exasperate him to a most unreasonable degree. Women tripped over it. Men stepped over it. A few folk purposely nudged their feet against it as a hint. But its owner calmly read his paper and moved not. Finally, "I beg your pardon, my friend," said the gentlemanly chap, leaning down, his face set and teeth clinched, "but don't you think you are taking up more room than you are entitled to? Your foot has been in every one's way for half an hour. I protest, sir!"

The man folded his paper, remarking without the least show of anger: "Ah, thank you, I had not noticed it." With that he reached down, plucked up his foot, gave it a violent twist and pushed it partly under the seat. To accomplish this he had to move his body to the edge of the seat.

On discovering that the leg and foot were wooden our gentlemanlike chap blushed in confusion, muttered a sort of apology and hurried off at the next station, while the car tittered.—New York Press.

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Tell The Truth.

We have already spoken of the frustration of our hopes of the best results from the visit to this country of the heir to the throne, by reason of the caricatures of Canada in the correspondence connected therewith of the great London journals. These we will attribute not to deliberate design, but to initial ignorance and an unwillingness as they went along to take the trouble to master the details of their business. They knew nothing to start with, and they learnt nothing on their travels. We have another misrepresentation to add to the already long list. Summing up in oracular and grandiose style his impressions of the royal tour, the representative of the London Times does injustice to the Grand Trunk Railway. Comparisons are proverbially odious, and his impertinent comparison of the Canadian Pacific with the Grand Trunk, to the disadvantage of the latter, is essentially so. He puffs the Canadian Pacific in the language of an advocate, and as its partisan belittles the Grand Trunk. Rejoicing in the younger rival's prosperity, as we all do—but not chiefly because, as he puts it, it adds to the profit of the shareholders, who are largely English—and making mention of the comforts and conveniences of the travel thereon, he cannot refrain from casting this quite uncalled-for slur, by way of contrast, on the Grand Trunk:—

"Moreover, this much I know and I have indicated by telegram, when you go further than the Canadian Pacific Railway, even in Canadian Pacific Railway carriages, you fare very considerably worse. You are on a line that does not pay, and you see why; it is because it is ill-managed. Now the line that does not pay its owners is also of very little value to the public, and the line that does pay is really useful to the public. That is why, to use a sporting term, I am a backer of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

If the real truth were known, we will be bound to say it would be found that this sportsman-like gentleman "backed" the one and wrote disparagingly of the other for a very different reason. But whatever the motive, he should try to learn to write truthfully. Whatever blame was attributed to the Grand Trunk management in the past—management by Englishmen, directed by Englishmen—it exists no longer. It is now conducted in a most excellent manner, and it gives the public good service. If it does not pay it is not because of a lack of care and energy under the present auspices, but because of the sins of past days. It was not fed by the lavish hand that fed the Canadian Pacific, and it was so extravagantly, not to say recklessly, constructed, to the enrichment of men like the Gzowskis, the Macphersons and the Galts, that to earn dividends for its shareholders is as impossible to it as it is to pay its debt to the Canadian Government. Mr. Hays, Mr. Reeve and their zealous, well-trained and hard-worked staff of officers and men are entitled to fair treatment, even at the hands of a superficial and supercilious correspondent of the London Times.—Beacon, Stratford, Ont., Dec. 6, 1901.

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Mamie Don't You Feel Ashamie,
Simple Little Sister Mary Green,
Mr. Volunteer,
Susie,
When Two Hearts Part,
The Wedding of Reuben and the Maid,
Just as You're Growing Old,
The Good Old Days Gone By,
Beneath the Pines of Maine,
Tale of a Bumblebee, (from "King Dodo,")
Rose with a Broken Stem,
Never to Meet Again,
Mother's Hymn to Me,
Dreaming in the Trenches,
My Mississippi Sue,
Maybe,
Smile as You Did Long Ago,
When the Gold was Furning Gray,
Sorrow,
Ain't Dat a Shame,
My Lady Hottentot,
I Want to be the Leading Lady,
Goodmornin', Carrie,
When Reuben Comes to Town,
Coon! Coon! Coon!
Every Darkey Had a Raglan On,
In the House of too Much Trouble,
Lam', Lam', Lam',
Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder,
Every Race Has a Flag But the Coon,
For Old Times' Sake,
The Fatal Rose of Red,
Hello, Central! Give Me Heaven,
The Girl I Loved in Sunny Tennessee,
Honeysuckle and the Bee,
Just Because She Made dem Goo Goo Eyes,
Ma Tiger Lily,
Mandy Lee,
My Blushin' Rosie,
Story the Violets Told,
Where the Sweet Magnolias Bloom,
When the Harvest days-are-over,
When Wealth and Poverty Meet,
Wait,

INSTRUMENTAL.

THE MOSQUITO PARADE,
The Strollers Two-Step,
Good-bye Dolly Gray, Two-Step
Daughter of the Regiment,
Witches Whirl, Waltzes,
Soldiers of Fortune, March,
Belle of Grenade, Waltzes,
Under Two Flags, March,
Love's Confession, Waltzes,
Jolly Friars, Waltzes,
The Climbers, Waltzes,
Alice of Old Vincennes, Waltzes,
Hunky Dory,
Sahara, Intermezzo,
Looney Doons, Cake Walk,
Bowers Buck, Cake Walk,
Whoa Bill!
Moonlight on the Melon-patch,
Messalonskee Waltzes,
Shadow Dance,
Bunch of Blackberries,
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Mr. Wight's Concerts.

The series of singing school concerts given by Mr. Wight's classes have been given. They began Friday night at Strong. The Methodist church was packed. Special trains ran from Phillips and Kingfield bringing good numbers from both those towns.

The large chorus from Strong, with the visiting choruses were at their best and rendered the selections in a way that must have been gratifying to themselves and to Mr. Wight.

At the close of the entertainment Mr. Wight was presented by his class with a sum of money. The gift was presented by Rev. Mr. Kewley, who made a few remarks suitable to the occasion. The gift came as an agreeable surprise to Mr. Wight, showing as it did, the estimation in which he is held by the class.

A large delegation from the Strong and Kingfield choruses, and accompanied by the Kingfield brass band, arrived in Phillips, Saturday night on a special. Bates hall was filled. The band, seated in front of the chorus, rendered several selections that were enthusiastically received.

Though the chorus had been for a week without any rehearsal the exercises were of a high order and gave much pleasure. The chorus, "Praise Ye the Father" was especially enjoyed. Among the other special features were the Rockabye chorus by the little girls, the male quartet composed of Messrs. Harden, Morse, Noble and Wight Solos by Mr. Noble and Miss Noble. There were several encores.

The special Monday evening from Phillips and Strong to Kingfield to attend the concert there was crowded. French's hall was taxed to seat all who attended the event. A fine program was carried out and the Kingfield voices were shown at their best. The quartet from Strong sang again here and were much enjoyed. Miss Noble of Phillips and Miss Howard of Strong sang again, as did Mrs. Ballou. Mrs. Ballou and Mr. Wight sang a duet. Music was furnished by the band. These concerts are among the best ever given in these towns. Mr. Wight promises to return to this county next winter, when, without doubt, his classes will be much larger than this year.—Maine Woods.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1902, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

SAMUEL S. FELT late of Greenwood, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Asa L. Young the executor therein named.

MILAN BENNETT late of Gilead, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Harlan P. Wheeler, executor.

ADDISON B. HERRICK, Judge of Probate.

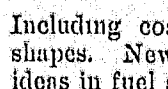
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Egotism of Genius.

A writer in the London Standard declares the idea that genius is usually modest to be a popular delusion. On the contrary, he alleges egotism to be the very essence of true genius and quotes many amusing examples.

When Wordsworth, Southey and Coleridge were walking together and Coleridge remarked that the day was so fine "It might have been ordered for three poets," the gentle Wordsworth promptly exclaimed: "Three poets! Who are the other two?"

Disraeli, then a mere youth, wrote to his sister that he had heard Macaulay, Shell and Grant speak, "but between ourselves I could find them all." And again he said, "When I want to read a good book, I write one."

Our own Joaquin Miller wrote to Walt Whitman: "You and I are over the head of the rabble. We know we are great, and if other people don't know it it is their own fault."

It was President Grant who, being told that a certain senator, an admitted genius who was very hostile to him, did not believe the Bible, expressed his estimate of the senator's egotism by rejoining: "Why should he? He didn't write it, you know."—New York World.

Buying a Razor.

"I need a new razor," said the man who shaves himself.

"Better let me get it for you," suggested the reformed barber, who, now that he is a trolley car conductor, regards himself as a distinguished member of society. "All cutlery stores are filled with razors of the class known as 'dead ones.' When a barber buys a razor, he takes it with the understanding that he is to try it out, and if it doesn't work well he takes it back and gets another one, keeping this up until he gets one that suits him. Buying a razor, you know, is a lottery in which the prizes are few and far between. When the ordinary citizen goes to a cutlery store, he picks out what he thinks is a good razor, pays for it and takes his chances. He picks one out, too, from the bunch of 'dead ones' that barbers have tried and found wanting. That's why I advise you to let me get it for you. Then if you don't like it I can keep exchanging it until you get a good one. They needn't know I've quit the business."—Philadelphia Record.

The Woolsock.

Back during the time of Queen Elizabeth an act of parliament was passed prohibiting the exportation of wool. This product was one of the great sources of the national wealth of England at that time, and in accordance with the economic notions of the age the authorities attempted to keep it in the country, imagining that if it went abroad, even though something more valuable or desirable were exchanged for it, the country would be the poorer. In order to hold the importance of this commodity before the minds of the national legislators woolsocks were placed in the house of lords, where the judges sat. Hence the lord chancellor, who presides over the house of lords, "sits on the woolsock." The woolsock, according to a printed description, is a "large square bag of wool without back or arms and covered with red cloth."

"Faints."

Fusel oil, or "faints," as it is commonly called about the distilleries in England, according to the London Lancet, is a primary amyl alcohol mixed with primary and secondary propyl alcohols. In England it can be obtained gratis at some distilleries. It is used locally as an external application for rheumatism. It is obtained from fermented grain or potatoes by continuing the process of distillation after the ordinary spirit has all "come over." It is an oily liquid, with a burning, acid taste and an odor said to resemble jargonelle pear. It has intoxicating and poisonous properties considerably more powerful than ordinary spirits.

THE HEART

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Mrs. Minnie Miller, 5 Guthrie Street, Fort Wayne, Ind., says:

"For many years I had dizzy spells, palpitation of the heart, and numbness of the feet and hands. These attacks came often and each time worse. My life was a burden to me, and I was in a state of nervousness and worry to all my friends. I expected to die."

"At times I thought I should lose my mind. My stomach was in such a condition that I could eat nothing but the very lightest kinds of food. Sleep was impossible and every little noise would startle me, and I would feel faint."

"No one can imagine the agony I suffered. I was in a state of nervousness and worry to all my friends. I expected to die. I saw Dr. Greene's Nervura and nerve remedy advertised and read the testimonials of those who had been afflicted as I was. I would try it. Wonderful to relate, the first bottle helped me so much that I had faith in it. I took two more bottles, and Oh, I feel so much better. I can sleep soundly and the nervous feeling has almost left me. I can eat with a good appetite and have gained seven pounds."

"My friends say that I am looking so much better, and I know that I am feeling as they say. I tell everybody that Dr. Greene's Nervura has done it. I praise the Lord and thank this wonderful medicine for giving me relief."

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The Pulpit Versus the Bar.

An eminent American lawyer, now deceased, was sadly given to intoxication. On one occasion he entered a church while a minister was holding forth on the future punishment of the wicked.

Fixing his eye upon the lawyer, who was reeling near the door, the preacher exclaimed, "There stands a sinner against whom I shall bear witness in the day of judgment."

At this the lawyer folded his arms, planted himself as firmly as he could and, addressing the man in the pulpit, electrified the whole congregation after this fashion:

"Sir, I have been practicing in the criminal courts for twenty years, and I have always found that the greatest rascal is the first to give state's evidence."—Scotsman.

The Spanish Language.

The Spanish alphabet is perfect save for a single silent letter, h. Each letter has only one sound and pronounced as spelled. The written language therefore is, with a single exception, free from redundant letters. The chief difficulty in the language to English speaking people is the inflection of its verbs. These move from one mood and tense to another by terminal changes, while English verbs move by auxiliaries. In inflection Spanish follows Latin, of which it is a beautiful and richly endowed daughter, so much so that it adopts no word or phrase from other languages.

The Arctic Summer.

The arctic summer is brief, but for weeks together there is nothing to distinguish day and night. Once at Dyornik two naturalists had left their ship at different hours. When later they met, one said, "Good morning," the other, "Good evening." Both agreed that the hour was 7, but while one traveler held that it was 7 tomorrow morning the other maintained that it was 7 o'clock last night. On returning to the ship they settled that it was last night, so they dined and went to bed again.

Easy.

Theodore—It's all right, darling. I have met your father, and we took to one another at once. He even went so far as to borrow \$10 from me. Surely he can't refuse me your hand after that.

Edith—Dory, I'm afraid you've made a mess of it. Pa told me about the \$10 and said I'd better let you slide, that you were too easy.—Boston Transcript.

Hair Falls

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The Habit of Starting Right.

Unless there has been a marked change in human nature during the past year, as many people will begin 1902 with a series of good, if not actually new, resolutions as began the preceding year under similar conditions. Not all of these will subscribe to a completely formulated contract for improved behavior—the majority, in fact, will resolve sub-consciously. But the yearly making of resolutions comes so pat with the first of January that the custom has an indefinite and altogether fortunate tenacity.

It has often been repeated that these good resolutions are like glass balls in that they are made for the sole purpose of being broken. The figure shows an inadequate knowledge of the uses of glass balls: before breaking they are intended to serve a more useful purpose in training the eye and hand of a marksman. A good resolution, even when broken, gives mental training very much in the same fashion. The process of making it and of honestly trying to carry it out is a long and necessary first step toward the mental strength that makes a human being actually master of his own actions. A faculty for comfort, for example, is a pleasant thing to carry on a journey, but laziness is a useless piece of baggage.

Successful resolutions, all comic writers to the contrary, are really made on the first of every January, but they depend, like genuinely successful politics, much more on common sense than on emotional impulse. A man who has been intemperate in his own comfort—to keep to the one concrete example of laziness, or to its even worse form, procrastination—can hardly leap into activity and hold the pace very long at a time. He can, however, divide his daily existence into two parts, during one of which he may busily tie up the loose ends of his occupations, and during the other devote himself to doing nothing with all the success to be expected of his past experience. Even if he fails in the effort the attempt is something toward a future success along the same line of endeavor. There is much more reason to respect the man who makes and breaks a yearly set of resolutions than to respect the discouraged individual who gives up trying after a few failures.

If the whole nation should start out to keep the same resolution the real value of individual endeavor would stand out more clearly, and the result, one may be optimistic enough to believe, might prove a revelation to those who advance the broken-glass theory. There is the subject of good citizenship, for instance. We have recently seen, in one case, the result that follows when a whole community becomes vitally interested in its politics, and in another the result that comes from a merely conventional interest. Suppose that every citizen in the country should resolve for one year to understand political questions, to think for himself, and to act up to his convictions. Even counting those who fall by the wayside, the result might bring back the general informed political earnestness of our first national elections; and the actual power felt by each man, in the strength of his own knowledge, might go far to reaffirm that resolution universally on the first of January.—Saturday Evening Post.

Knew His Man.

A story about the late James G. Batterson, president of the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford. Ex-Governor Waller of Connecticut wanted to obtain a charter for a new corporation which he represented, and the opposition called Mr. Batterson as their star witness. He was asked by his own side only two questions.

"You have lived in Hartford a great many years, Mr. Batterson?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you in favor of granting this charter?"

"No, sir."

Here his lawyers rested, leaving the rest to chance, knowing that Mr. Batterson could keep his end up in any verbal battle with ex-Governor Waller. The latter began by asking:

"Mr. Batterson, you have lived here many years?"

"I have."

"Well, sir," added Governor Waller, "it is my wish that you may live in Hartford many more years. That is all, sir."

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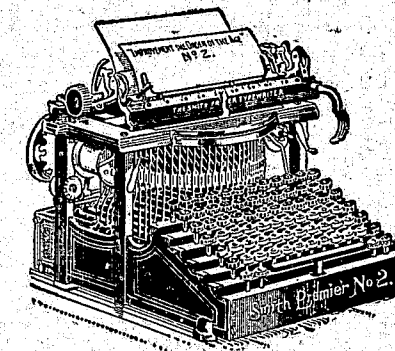
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